(c) The capital cost of the project as estimated by Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd., (KPCL) for the 1x500 MW Bellary Thermal Power Project is Rs. 2217 crores.

(d) The commissioning of the plant is envisaged in a period of 36 months from the date of financial closure as per the report received from KPCL.

Proposal for electrification in U.P.

†1857. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any new proposal with regard to electrification in Uttar Pradesh:

(b) if so, the programmes being chalked out for implementing the same;

(c) whether there is any shortfall in the requisite generation and supply of power for the state;

(d) whether the purchase of inferior quality equipments and the poor maintenance are the reasons for irregular supply of electricity; and

(e) if so, what efforts are being made to remove the same?

. THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Government of Uttar Pradesh has kept a target of electrification of 5,742 number of villages during the 10th Plan period under Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY). A sum of Rs. 47.09 crores has been released to Government of Uttar Pradcsh under PMGY during the current financial year in the first instalment.

(c) Yes, Sir. Against restricted evening peak demand of about 6500-6800 MW, the total availability is about 5400-5700 MW and the shortage in the availability is met through emergency rostering.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. The main cause for irregular supply is due to insufficient strengthening and upgradation of transmission/distribution

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

network to cope up with demand due to non-availability of adequate financial resources. Uttar Pradesh is implementing a programme to strengthen transmission and distribution system through assistance from World Bank and Power Finance Corporation as well as under Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP) in a phased manner.

Illegally smuggling of important Records of DPC

1858. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the allegations that some important records of the Dabhol Power Company were illegally smuggled out of the country and also some documents were destroyed by setting on fire;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted into this • incident; and

(c) if so, the details of findings along with the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI), who are one of the lenders to the Dabhol Power Project, have informed that Dabhol Power Company has indicated that some electronic chips and coded computer drives have been removed for security reasons and that these components are in India and can be used for plant operations at any time. The company has also informed that all the critical documents and records are in London with their Counsel in connection with the arbitration proceedings with various Indian Government authorities. Dabhol Power Company has also informed that no original documents or records have been destroyed and to minimize storage costs, the company undertakes destruction of duplicate records from time to time.

Dabhol Power Company has also informed the Bombay High Court that the components are in India and would continue to remain